



CHRIST
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Welcome to Worship

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Gathering Song: For All the Saints

† Call to Worship (Psalm 145:9-13)

Pastor: The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

People: **All your works praise you, Lord; your faithful people extol you.**

Pastor: They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might,

People: **so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

Unison: **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.**

† Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy

† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer

First Scripture Readings

Acts 1:1-11 Responsive

¹in my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ²until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.

³**After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.**

⁴On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

⁶**Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"**

⁷He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

⁹**After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.**

¹⁰They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Psalm 47 Responsive

¹ Clap your hands, all you nations;
shout to God with cries of joy.

²**For the LORD Most High is awesome,
the great King over all the earth.**

³**He subdued nations under us,
peoples under our feet.**

⁴**He chose our inheritance for us,
the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.**

⁵ God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

⁷ For God is the King of all the earth;
sing to him a psalm of praise.

⁸**God reigns over the nations;
God is seated on his holy throne.**

⁹**The nobles of the nations assemble
as the people of the God of Abraham,
for the kings of the earth belong to God;
he is greatly exalted.**

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

† Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
world without end. Amen, Amen.

† Hymn: Let All Things Now Living

Offertory	Presentation of Tithes and Offerings	
	Amazing Grace	arr: Jack Schrader

† Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Second Scripture Readings

Luke 24:44-53 Responsive

⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵ **Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.** ⁴⁶ **He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,** ⁴⁷ **and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.**

⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰ **When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them.** ⁵¹ **While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven.**

⁵² Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³ And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

Hebrews 3:1-6 Responsive

¹ Therefore, holy brothers and sisters, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our apostle and high priest. ² He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house.

³ **Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor than the house itself.** ⁴ **For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything.**

⁵“Moses was faithful as a servant in all God’s house, ”bearing witness to what would be spoken by God in the future. ⁶But Christ is faithful as the Son over God’s house.

And we are his house, if indeed we hold firmly to our confidence and the hope in which we glory.

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Thanks be to God!

Sermon: Get a Grip
Dr. James N. McGuire

Pastoral Prayer

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper (see next page)

† Hymn: The Solid Rock

Responsive Litany (Hebrews 12:1-4)

Pastor: Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.

People: And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

Pastor: for the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Unison: Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Benediction

Welcome, Announcement, and Prayers

Dr. James N. McGuire, Pastor

Dr. Eric Roth, Director of Music

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

† The Apostles Creed Unison

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

† Prayer of Confession (Psalm 51:1-7) Unison

¹Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.

²Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

³For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.

⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are proved right when you speak
and justified when you judge.

⁵Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

⁶Surely you desire truth in the inward parts;
you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

⁷Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Receiving the Elements of the Lord's Supper

To our visitors: We hope our worship enables you to draw near to God through Christ Jesus, and that you feel welcome here among us. Please sign our guest book. Our normal fellowship time after the service has been postponed due to the Covid-19 restrictions.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Romans 12:12

In Need of Prayer

Alberta Weaver, home
 Regina Higgs, as caregiver for Alberta
 Brenda Cook, health, esp. kidney function
 Jen Freese, training of therapy dog, fear
 Don Rende's brother, Bob, nephew Chris
 David, friend of Cindy Taaffee
 Gary, Marion, Dan, friends of L.Szczepanek
 Linda Szczepanek and grandson, Justin
 Dot, friend of Cheri Boone
 Dan, friend of Chet Doak
 Pam Paglino's friend, recurrence of cancer
 Dennis, friend of Puzzuolis, hard times
 Carmen, friend of Gail, fall with injuries
 Ed Steele for mobility, back pain
 Kelly Vincent, daughter of Bert Schwab
 Metzner family, many stressors and multiple Covid illnesses
 Al Lindsay, chemo for lung cancer
 Lindsay's neighbors, Armand w/Covid

In Need of Prayer

George Donoian, in hospice
 Bill Howard, pastor's brother-in-law, heart valve surgery
 Margaret, Wilsons' friend, brain tumor
 Richard Abraham, son-in-law of Hartigs, lymphoma
 Joanna, niece of Lucy McGuire, a young mom, cancer
 Christopher, son of Ray Boone, heart
 Sue Work's parents, in assisted living
 Gail Nastwold, for health, wound healing
 Katalee Deighton, lymphoma
 Darlene Little, heart health.
 Nancy, sister of John Dellinger
 Nancy, friend of Doaks, recurrence of cancer
 John, friend of Cindy Taaffee, pancreatic cancer
 Liz, granddaughter of Carolyn Krueger
 Scott MacKenzie, son of Jim & Patty MacKenzie
 Suzanne, friend of Clay family, for wholeness
 Rose, friend of Boones, Covid complications
 First Responders & Border Patrol, safety & wisdom
 For those grieving recent loss of a loved one
 Cyndi Taffee's friends, sudden loss of loved one

Audio Sermons can be heard on the church website: <http://christ-presbyterianchurch.org>

Pray for the 17 Michigan missionaries, captured in Haiti.

Our Military: Metzner's grandson; and Bryan, relative of Teresa Lisowski, deployed to Iraq. *William, co-worker of Krystal Murphy, recently deployed overseas.*
Pray for God's protection of girls/women and intervention to stop the human sex trafficking in our state.

Monthly need: \$17,083.00
Giving to general fund last week: \$2,480
Giving to general fund in Oct: \$19,214
Giving to mortgage in October: \$1,225

Heidelberg Catechism: Q 38. Why did Jesus suffer "under Pontius Pilate" as judge?
A. So that he, though innocent, might be condemned by a civil judge, and so free us from the severe judgment of God that was to fall on us.